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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH NSC STAFF DEALING WITH

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- 1. 1. GIANNI FARNETI, POLITICAL REPORTER FOR PANORAME, ITALY'S NEWSWEEK-STYLE CURRENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY, HAS ASKED POST TRANSMIT "FORMAL REQUEST "FOR HIM TO INTERVIEW NSC STAFFER FLYNN, OR "THAT PERSON ON WHITE HOUSE STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS." REQUEST GENERATED BY CLAMOROUS REACTION HERE TO NEW THAT MSI PARTY CHIEF GIORGIO ALMIRANTE, WIDELY-REGARDED AS NEO-FASCIST AND RIGHT WING EXTREMIST, WAS RECEIVED DURING RECENT U.S. VISIT BY SEVERAL INFLUENTIAL U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS AS WELL AS BY MESSRS. FLYNN AND CLIFT, BOTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE HOUSE "SPECIAL ADVISERS FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS."
- 2. FARNETI PREPARED TO TRAVEL WASHINGTON IF INTERVIEW GRANTED. HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD ASK WHAT WAS SIGNIFICANCE OF ALMIRANTE'S VISIT, WHY U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFCIALS TALKED TO FASCISTS BUT NOT TO COMMUNISTS WHO COMPRISE ONE-THIRD OF ELECTORATE, AND WHETHER RECEPTION OF ALMIRANTE SIGNIFIED NEW POLITICAL ATTIQUDE OR DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS WITHIN USG.
- 3. PANORAMA IS ONE OF ITALY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL NEWS WEEKLIES UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH CIRCULATION OF ROUGHLY 300,000. POLITICAL ORIENTATION

IS LEFT-SOCIALIST, IN VARYING GRADATIONS, AND OFTEN SHARVLY
CRITICAL OF US POLICIES. FARNETI IS ABLE YOUG JOURNALIST,
TOUGH AND WELL-INFORMED. HE OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO SMOKE OUT
A BIG STORY AMERSON

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